

HOUSE BILL 42

By Carr J

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 7; Title 8; Title 38; Title 39; Title 41; Title 49
and Title 62, relative to firearms.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 13, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Any federal law, statute, rule, regulation, or executive order implemented or executed on or after January 1, 2013 shall be unenforceable within the borders of this state if the law, statute, rule, regulation, or executive order attempts to:

(1) Ban or restrict ownership of a semi automatic firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition; or

(2) Require any firearm, firearm accessory, or ammunition to be registered in any manner.

(b) No public employee, public official, or dealer selling any firearm in this state shall enforce or attempt to enforce any federal law, statute, rule, regulation, or executive order as described in subsection (a).

(c) Any official, agent, or employee of the United States government who enforces or attempts to enforce any federal law, statute, rule, regulation, or executive order as described in subsection (a) upon a firearm, a firearm accessory, or ammunition that is owned or manufactured commercially or privately in this state and that remains exclusively within the borders of this state shall be guilty of a Class A misdemeanor.

(d) The attorney general and reporter shall defend a citizen of this state who is prosecuted by the United States government for a violation of federal law, statute, rule, regulation, or executive order as described in subsection (a).

(e) For purposes of this section:

(1) "Public employee" means any individual who receives compensation from the state or any political subdivision thereof or any public governmental authority or corporation established for the performance of public functions; and

(2) "Public official" means an elected or appointed person in the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the state or any political subdivision thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.